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TOPIC Soviet Artillery Unit in BERNBURG

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1. a. Four large kaserne buildings of the former Adolf Hitler (Infanterie) Kaserne on Ilberstaedterstrasse, BERNBURG (M 52/D 76), were occupied by about seven hundred troops of artillery units. Another kaserne building, located near the gate, was only lightly occupied.
- b. Most of the observed troops were recruits. Almost all older personnel wore numerous war decorations and the Gds badge. Five 122-mm guns and three 76.2-mm guns were observed in the kaserne yard. Local residents, however, reported that the unit was equipped with about 20 guns.
- c. About 350 to 400 troops received basic training and held marching practices on the kaserne yard.
- d. The following officers were seen passing through the kaserne gate within two hours:
 One lieutenant colonel without branch-of-service insignia
 One lieutenant colonel (Arty)
 One lieutenant colonel (Adm)
 Two majors (Arty)
 Eight other artillery officers
 Six kommandatura officers.

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2. The following officers were observed in BERNBURG:

- a. Kommandatura on Friedensallee, with about 30 troops (mostly wearing black-bordered red epauletts) and the following motor vehicles:

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4. The following information on detrainning activities was secured:

a. BERNBURG:

Six 76.2 mm guns
About 150 artillery troops
Ten trucks, including the truck
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Billeting equipment.

b. INBURSTACDT:
(L 52/D 76)

Sight trucks
About 100 troops with red bordered
black epauletts
Fuel drums
Ammunition
Billeting equipment.

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Comment:

An artillery regiment (component unit of the 3rd (Gis?) AT Arty Brig of the Third Shock Army?) is assumed to be stationed in BERNBURG. Troops of the regiment are believed to have gone to ALBINGRABOW for firing practices in March 1949. Numerous recruits were apparently trained with this unit during the summer of 1949. It has not been determined whether the recruits were to be assigned to the BERNBURG artillery regiment or if BERNBURG is the training center for all component units of the antitank artillery brigade of the Third Shock Army.

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